

**OPTICAL COMPONENT HAVING REDUCED INTERFERENCE FROM
RADIATION MODES**

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

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An optical component includes an optical device positioned between
isolation channels. The isolation channels are configured to at least partially
isolate different regions of the optical component from one another. The optical
component also includes at least one light absorbing region positioned so as to
10 intercept light traveling in a direction that would take the light between the optical
device and an isolation channel.